

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING ED JOHNSTONE'S COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA REGION OF WASHINGTON STATE

**HON. DEREK KILMER**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Ed Johnstone, a community leader engaged on climate change issues in our region. Today, the President is recognizing his efforts by awarding Mr. Johnstone the Champions of Change award.

Mr. Johnstone is a member of the Quinault Indian Nation and serves as their spokesperson on ocean policy and treaty fishing rights. He has done remarkable work explaining how climate change is negatively impacting the ecosystems and fisheries that are central to the traditions, culture, and spiritual beliefs of his tribe, as well as our regional economy.

Mr. Johnstone has helped raise awareness of climate change by co-leading the First Stewards: Coastal Peoples Address Climate Change Symposium at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Climate change is an issue that involves not only preserving our environment. It's also about protecting our economic and national security interests. Climate change is already beginning to negatively impact our state's agriculture and shellfish industries, forests, and salmon habitat. Promoting growth and preserving these industries is essential in retaining and creating new jobs in our area.

Mr. Speaker, I enjoy living in our region because I value the richness of our environment. We know our generation must be responsible stewards of our lands, waters, and of our entire planet for future generations. It's leaders like Mr. Johnstone that are taking that vision and turning it into a reality day in and day out.

It takes great effort and service to earn this prestigious award. On behalf of our region, it is an honor to congratulate Mr. Johnstone on this accomplishment.

RECOGNIZING MANO A MANO FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

**HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of Mano a Mano Family Resource Center, an organization in my district that is dedicated to helping immigrants realize their dreams here in the United States. We are a nation of immigrants, but without the work of organizations like Mano a Mano, we are merely a nation that accepts immigrants, rather than one encouraging them to be active, engaged members of the community.

Started out of a small storefront, Mano a Mano has grown over the last decade to help more than 4,300 people per year. With language courses, early education programs, GED tutoring, computer skills training and health education, Mano a Mano has helped countless families and individuals become complete participants in American life.

The beauty of these programs, and what makes Mano a Mano so effective, is how they are tailored to client and community needs. For example, recognizing challenges managing or understanding life with diabetes, Mano a Mano launched an initiative to educate the community on living with a chronic disease and how better to manage it.

The success stories go on and on and on and are too many to enumerate. Let me highlight, however, what I think is a most telling attribute of their success: year after year, Mano a Mano clients often return as volunteers, tutors or educators. Not only are these programs successfully enriching our communities and the lives of their clients, but they also inspire a tradition of giving back, of paying it forward, and of doing for others as Mano a Mano did for them. Such is the cycle—a community of reaching out—where one good turn leads to another and another.

On the eve of the annual gala, I thank Mano a Mano for all that they are and all that they do. I am proud that this organization makes its home in our Tenth District.

HONORING PAUL SPRING

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Paul Spring. Paul is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Paul has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Paul has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Paul has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Paul led a construction team in building a picnic area consisting of four cedar tables and an encompassing rubber mulch area at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Paul Spring for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOILERMAKERS LOCAL 363

**HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 110th anniversary of the Boilermakers Local 363 of East St. Louis, Illinois.

By the late 19th century many of the skilled craftsmen who powered the Industrial Revolution were seeking to improve pay and working conditions through the formation of unions. Workers in the boilermaker and iron ship building trades had formed a union in Chicago as had boilermakers in Atlanta. These two organizations would merge in 1893 to form the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Ship Builders and, on March 22, 1903, Local 363 in East St. Louis, Illinois received its charter.

Over the years the Boilermakers Union would continue to grow and diversify as other related trade unions merged with it. A Helpers Division was added in 1902 and Blacksmiths and Drop Forgers merged in 1954. In 1984, the United Cement, Lime, Gypsum and Allied Workers merged, to be followed, in 1994, by the Stove, Furnace and Allied Appliance Workers. The Metal Polishers, Buffers and Platers would merge in 1996. As a result of these many mergers, the name of the union is now the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers.

Membership in the union grew in the 20th century as the needs for the skilled labor grew. At the dawn of the century, membership was about 8,500 but had grown to over 350,000 by the end of World War II in the mid-1940s. There are currently 534 members in Local 363.

Local 363 has always realized that its responsibility to its members also extends to those members' community. The list of organizations that have been assisted by the local's support include: the United Way, Special Olympics, the Illinois Cancer Society and the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the leadership and members of Boilermakers Local 363 as they celebrate their 110th anniversary and to wish them continued success in the future.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. JIM LEEDY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Jim Leedy, a renowned artist who

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envisioned and fostered the beginning of a thriving arts community and culture in downtown Kansas City. He did this by transforming an undesirable section of Kansas City, Missouri into what is now known as the Crossroads Art District. As an established artist whose work has been exhibited around the world, in over 1,000 one-man shows, he understands the importance of a culture where artists have an integrated community to live, work and showcase their work. Considering those basic necessities, he purchased a building in 1985 and remodeled it to accommodate live/work artist studios and multiple gallery spaces, known as the Leedy-Voulkos Art Center. Today, the Crossroads Art District is home to more than 400 local artists, 100 independent studios, and over 30 galleries. It is one of the most concentrated gallery districts in the nation. On the first Friday of each month, known as "First Friday's", you will find thousands of people visiting the galleries, listening to music and eating at their favorite establishment. It is a uniquely Kansas City environment.

So who is this man that made such a dramatic difference, not only in our community but throughout his artistic career? Born in 1930, Jim Leedy grew up in the clay soils of Virginia and Kentucky. Working with this medium came naturally to him. During the formative time of his career, while attending Columbia University for his art history post-graduate studies, he had the opportunity to meet and listen to the dialogue of established artists in New York City. In 1966 he joined the staff of the Kansas City Art Institute, sharing his artistic skills and working with the administration and faculty to take the Kansas City Art Institute in a new direction. He taught there for over 40 years and mentored thousands of students throughout his career.

As an artist he has been influenced by his life experiences, colleagues, students, friends and family. His daughter, Stephanie Leedy and his granddaughter, Erin Woodworth, now run the Leedy-Voulkos Art Center and continue to showcase both local and international artists. He is an artist in the truest sense, whether he is painting or working with clay. His original artistic renderings with clay can be classified as one of the first Abstract Expressionism ceramic pieces. It was about the material, it was about the clay and creating a non utilitarian piece that would evolve by using the Raku firing technique. A method he learned about in Japan while on leave from the Korean War. His art is about instilling the essence of nature, color, and the continuous experiment and evolution of creativity.

As a Korean Veteran, who served as a military photographer, he had to deal with his war memories and did so through his art. Every war veteran can tell you that war alters and changes your view of life and death. Jim Leedy began experiencing flash backs during the mid 80's and through most of the 90's. Many times through his art he relived the haunting memory of a day in Korea when he jumped into a stream only to see underneath him the rotting corpses and skeletons of the dead. During this time his art focused on the images of that day. It was not until 2000 with his work "The Earth Lies Screaming," that his art conveyed the recurring reality of war through his wall of skeletons and skulls. He reminds us that war brings death. This work was the last of its kind because it put to rest his personal conflict.

Since this period in his life, he continues to experiment with his art. A painting need not be flat, clay need not go through a long firing process. He encourages today's artists and remains a friend to anyone that has an open mind and loves creating.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in expressing our appreciation to Mr. Jim Leedy and his endless commitment to our artistic community. He is a true role model not only for our artists, but he serves as an example of how we can all live our lives. He comprehended the essential, and with the purchase of his first building, began a slow sprawl that has become the cultural center of Kansas City. Mr. Speaker, his action made a dynamic difference for all of us to enjoy.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

#### HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. SIRE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the upcoming 65th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel and the bond of friendship between the United States and Israel.

Like the United States, the State of Israel has stood as a beacon of democracy and hope for Jewish immigrants from all over the world. As an immigrant myself, I understand the importance of the democratic freedoms and values that our nation holds dear. The United States and Israel share and embrace those values as the cornerstones of a vibrant democratic society.

I have been fortunate enough to visit Israel and witness the importance of the friendship the U.S. and Israel share. We share the common goals of peace, freedom, security and prosperity for our citizens and for the region. I am pleased to help honor the State of Israel on its 65th birthday I hope all my colleagues and fellow Americans will join me in taking pride in the unique contributions that our Israeli community has made to our nation.

Again, congratulations to Israel and its people all across the world on their 65th independence day.

#### RETIREMENT PLANNING WEEK

#### HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize this week, April 8–12, 2013, as Retirement Planning Week. This week is held during the national effort to observe Financial Literacy Month. This endeavor promotes the education and awareness of important financial issues and provides Americans with essential retirement planning information.

Comprehensive retirement planning is an important step that will lead Americans into a financially secure future. But, the process can be challenging for consumers which leads many Americans into retirement without an adequate financial plan. We must make this a

national priority and convey to our constituents the value of retirement planning so that more Americans can appropriately prepare for and attain financial security during their retirement years.

Social Security and Medicare face long-term challenges. My constituents depend on Social Security and Medicare for their livelihood. It is important for everyone to think about long-term financial needs, plan for a secure retirement, and create a comprehensive retirement plan. It is vital to have a plan that will leave Americans better prepared and more confident in their financial future.

#### COMMENDING TAMPA TSA AGENT JIM FLAHERTY

#### HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of a constituent of mine, Mr. Jim Flaherty. An Army veteran, who served over twenty years with the New York Police Department, Mr. Flaherty was driving to his job with the TSA at Tampa International Airport in the early morning hours on March 13th, 2013. He was passed by a speeding car and, minutes later, Mr. Flaherty watched that same car crash into the woods by the side of the road and catch on fire.

Mr. Flaherty stopped his car and, without concern for his own well-being, ran to aid the victim who was unable to escape on her own due to her injuries and the driver's door unable to be opened due to the accident. Along with another passerby, Mr. Flaherty proceeded to pull her out of the passenger-side of the burning vehicle. When it was clear that the injured woman was unable to walk, the two men carried her to safety before the car was consumed by fire. They stayed with her until local first responders arrived on scene. Mr. Flaherty then selflessly continued onto work, demonstrating his commitment to helping others and his official duties.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Flaherty's heroic actions are an example of the best in humanity that all of us should strive for. I applaud his actions and thank him for the bravery that he exhibited that day.

#### HONORING BENJAMIN KIRTLEY

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Benjamin Kirtley. Benjamin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 43, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Benjamin has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Benjamin has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Benjamin has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Benjamin

researched a family grave box and restored a Civil War soldier's gravestone at Mt. Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Benjamin Kirtley for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### “THE VETERANS’ PRIVACY ACT”

### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing a bill, the Veterans’ Privacy Act, a bill that directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to prescribe regulations ensuring that, when veterans receive care from VA, their privacy will not be violated by unauthorized video surveillance.

By its very nature, medical care requires that an individual forfeit some privacy in order to obtain treatment. However, when a veteran walks into a VA medical facility, they should not have to worry about a covert camera being in their treatment room.

Last June, a covert camera disguised as a smoke detector was installed in the room of a brain damaged veteran who was being treated at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa, Florida. Upon discovering the hidden camera, the veteran’s family was understandably outraged.

When the veteran’s family asked about the camera, VA officials first stated that the camera did not exist, then changed their story and admitted that the “smoke detector” was actually a video camera. When further asked if the camera was recording, VA told the family that the camera was only “monitoring” the patient and was not recording. Only after inquiries by local media and the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee did VA admit that the camera was recording. VA then removed the camera from the patient’s room.

In the wake of this incident, I sent a letter to VA asking for its legal authority to place a camera in a patient’s room without consent. VA stated that its legal opinion was that the hidden camera did not violate the law, but that it was developing a national policy to address the issue of video surveillance of patients. In response to a recent status request on this national policy from my staff, VA stated that it did not expect to have the policy finalized before September 2013, well over a year after this incident occurred.

I am deeply disturbed at VA’s callous actions and response to the privacy interests of this veteran, and can’t help but wonder whether similar incidents are occurring across the country, especially since VA still lacks a national policy in this area. The least we can do is ensure basic privacy rights of the men and women who have served our country when they seek the treatment they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, no veteran should have to worry about being secretly recorded when he or she goes to VA for medical treatment, and I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Veterans’ Privacy Act.

#### COMMEMORATING YOM HASHOAH

### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoah, and to pay tribute to the men, women, and children murdered by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

This week, we pause to join in solidarity to remember one of the darkest chapters in human history. During the Holocaust, six million Jews were killed, and countless others were brutalized, raped, dehumanized, and robbed. It is critical that, as nations and as individuals, we preserve the history of the Holocaust and the memories of survivors and other witnesses.

The Days of Remembrance hold a deep meaning for me, as a Jewish American, and for my community. My district, the 9th Congressional District of Illinois, is home to one of the largest concentrations of Holocaust survivors in the country. An estimated 3,500 Holocaust survivors live in the Chicago area, all of whom are elderly, and many of whom do not receive the care and services they need. Skokie, in my district, is home to a beautiful Holocaust museum opened in 2009, a 65,000-square-foot facility dedicated to sharing the history of the Holocaust and teaching the importance of combating hatred, indifference, and genocide to current and future generations across the Midwest.

We pledged “Never Again” but, over sixty years later, we continue to fight anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred and intolerance, even genocide. As we reflect on the tragedy of the lives lost and honor those who survived, we need to also pledge to do better moving forward. In a world where genocide, intolerance, and neglect are far too prevalent, we need to stand up against violations of human rights. We need to continue to fight injustice and protect people everywhere.

This week, we pause to remember all those who perished, honor those who survived, and redouble our pledge to fight genocide, intolerance, and persecution wherever they occur.

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLD DOMINION DENTAL SOCIETY

### HON. ROBERT C. “BOBBY” SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a legacy of community service in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the nation. This year, the Old Dominion Dental Society is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on the history of this esteemed organization and its contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1913, black dentists sought to organize into a professional society and these efforts resulted in the Tri-State Dental Association of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Colum-

bia, formed under the leadership of Dr. D. A. Ferguson of Richmond, Virginia. Five years later the name was changed to the Interstate Dental Association to accommodate growing interest from dentists around the region. Ultimately, in 1932, the organization’s name was changed to the National Dental Association, and so it remains today. Since that time, the National Dental Association has provided over 6000 African-American dentists in the United States and abroad the platform and the support to help them succeed.

From this history also arose the Old Dominion Dental Society. The Old Dominion Dental Society served as a forum for minority dentists in Virginia who were denied membership to the American Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Association. For 100 years, the Old Dominion Dental Society has grown and fostered professional development for the dental profession and brought needed services to the most vulnerable communities in Virginia.

The Old Dominion Dental Society has also invested in the next generation of dentists through annual scholarships for underrepresented minorities. Through these scholarships, the Society has insured that a diverse group of young students will have the opportunity to excel in the field of dentistry. Members of the organization have been generous donors of their time and expertise to various state and community service organizations, strengthening communities and making our neighborhoods healthier. Motivated by the philosophy that health care is a born right for all people, the Old Dominion Dental Society has been a relentless leader in the quest for equality and equity in health care and today I celebrate all of the members, past and present, that have set an example for all of us over the past 100 years.

There are many Old Dominion Dental Society members that have worked tirelessly to make the Society as successful and respected as it is today. I want to congratulate the members for all their achievements, and especially acknowledge a few: Dr. McKinley Price, Mayor of Newport News; the late Dr. James Holley, former Mayor of Portsmouth; the late Dr. Hugo Owens, former Vice Mayor of Chesapeake; Dr. Elizabeth Daniels, Vice Chair of Portsmouth School Board; Dr. Walter Claytor, the first African-American dentist to serve on the Virginia Board of Dentistry; and Dr. James Watkins, presently serving his fourth term as a member of the Virginia Board of Dentistry and the first African-American dentist to be president of the Virginia State Dental Board. Under their leadership, the Old Dominion Dental Society has and will continue to flourish.

As the Old Dominion Dental Society gathers to celebrate this historic milestone, this organization can truly remember its past, celebrate its present, and focus on its future. As we continue to work to invest in our future, protect access to health care, and promote education, I praise the drive and vision of the members who make our community a better place to live. I would like to congratulate all of the members of the Old Dominion Dental Society on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary, and I wish them many more years of dedicated service to the community.

## HONORING AUSTIN VAN BLACK

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Austin Van Black. Austin is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Austin has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Austin has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned 121 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Austin has led his troop as Senior Patrol Leader, attended the 2010 National Jamboree and 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden and earned the rank of Warrior in the Tribe Mic-O-Say and became a member of the Order of the Arrow. Austin has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Austin completed 137 service hours for Hillcrest Transitional Housing, a homeless transition and education ministry, in Liberty, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Austin Van Black for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

## MINGO COUNTY SHERIFF EUGENE CRUM A TRUE TITAN IN THE BATTLE FOR LAW AND ORDER

**HON. NICK J. RAHALL II**

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, each April just a few blocks from the Nation's Capitol Building, we witness in full bloom 10,000 daffodils, amidst well manicured lawns, signaling the advent of the season of renewal and hope. This peaceful setting surrounds two blue-gray curved marble walls that help form our Nation's lasting tribute and memorial to law enforcement officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Every 57 hours in this Country, a law enforcement officer lays down their life, so that the rest of us can enjoy lives enriched by the very safety and security our officers provide.

Last week, West Virginians lost a true titan in the battle for law and order. Mingo County Sheriff Eugene Crum had just left his friend and compatriot, Judge Michael Thornsby, with the parting words, "I'm going to fight the good fight," so he could spend his lunch hour in his vehicle, keeping an eye on a former illegal pill mill. Moments later, the Sheriff would be slain. While the cause of the heinous murder remains under intense investigation its effect is well known.

Dave Rockel, Sheriff Crum's friend and teammate as the Commander of Mingo County's Drug Task Force said the murder has "awakened a sleeping giant." Commander Rockel pointed out "Operation Zero Tolerance" has taken on a new significance to continue the Sheriffs legacy of waging a success-

ful war against the scourge of prescription drug abuse. As Judge Thornsby calculated, the Sheriff had already achieved 57 felony convictions within 93 days of being sworn into office. Make no mistake, Eugene Crum may have been a new Sheriff, but he was a three-decade-old seasoned veteran of law enforcement, having served as a police lieutenant, chief of police, magistrate and chief magistrate.

Since the Sheriffs passing, many tributes have been offered by friends, officeholders and multiple newspaper editorials have been written to honor Sheriff Crum, his achievements, his compassion, his humility, his selflessness, and his fervent dedication and devotion to duty. And, what honor and comfort it must be to his widow, Rosie, his children, Julie and Bub, and his entire family to know that, as Judge Thornsby relayed, Eugene was often times able to personally enjoy one of the highest compliments anyone can be paid. For when many of those he had previously arrested would see Eugene on the street, they would stop to thank him for saving their lives. I ask my colleagues, here in the people's House, "What truer measure of a man is there?"

To such a man, this Nation remains deeply indebted and eternally grateful. On the National Memorial honoring the fallen, one of its four inscriptions reads, "In valor, there is hope." Eugene Crum's valor was as significant as that of the bravest soldier on the most tumultuous of battlefields. For Eugene, the field of battle was in the hills and hollows of home, on the front porches and through the backyards of neighbors, on the streets of Mingo County's downtowns and on their corners during the darkest hours of night. His battle endured without end until justice had ultimately prevailed. Indeed the legacy of Eugene Crum will live on each time justice is served and tempered with mercy to give new hope to those who have wronged their families and their communities. Eugene Crum's hope for a more civil world, born of his life of valor, is the badge of honor Sheriff Rosie Crum now wears, as do his comrades in law enforcement throughout our Nation.

As it was strongly and passionately relayed at his memorial this past weekend by Mingo County Commission President John Mark Hubbard, shame on anyone who will not make sure that the change Sheriff Crum laid his life down for does not continue.

Mr. Speaker, the obligation of the Congress to aid our law enforcement officers is clear. As American citizens, let us pray for their safe keeping, and that their resolve—this Nation's resolve—will be strengthened by the indelible mark left by Eugene Crum to serve and protect the people he loved.

## EQUAL PAY DAY

**HON. YVETTE D. CLARKE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. CLARKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support of the Equal Pay Day, April 9, 2013, which recognized the critical disparity between the working wages between men and women.

Women have come so far in our society and make up 50 percent of the workforce by con-

tributing their skills and experiences that drive our economy, making it the most dynamic in the world. But, women are not worth their work according to their wages and the services they provide. On average, we still earn 77 cents for every dollar earned by men. For a woman working full time, the current wage gap represents a loss of \$430,000 over the course of her career.

There are many women in my district who are the sole providers for their family. They act as the mother and the father rearing their family and struggling to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

One of our top priorities should be closing the wage gap. By doing so, the middle class will be stronger and struggling Americans will have the support they need. I am a proud sponsor of the Equal Pay Day Resolution and urge my colleagues to become a cosponsor.

PASSING OF FAMILY PATRIARCH  
ENRIQUE ROS**HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, my dad was and will always be the wind beneath my wings. His passing leaves in us a loss that is eternal and deep. 'Abu Kiki' as we lovingly called him was the center, the foundation of us all, and the one person who kept us grounded and confident in the path our lives had taken. If there is one comfort we feel during this time of unequalled sorrow is that we are confident that my dad is once again reunited with his beloved and cherished soul mate, Amanda Ros.

Today I can look at my life and the lives of my brother Henry and my dad's adult grandchildren with joy and fulfillment. And I can do that because Abu Kiki worked hard to instill in us ageless ideals of fairness and doing always what was right.

My dad was a prolific writer and well-known historian. He was working on his 20th book, a biography of Antonio Maceo, when he died of respiratory complications at South Miami Hospital late Wednesday night. He authored 19 other books on Cuban history and local politics that are an important source of information for other historians, academics and scholars. All who shared my father's life knew that he was happiest when he was busy doing research and writing his books. His beloved library was a meeting ground for our family and he kept a detailed log of all the articles and pictures that told the story of my family's life and of his cherished books.

For 65 years, Enrique and Amanda Ros, shared a wonderful life together and they did it by way of love and hard work. They raised two children who have families of their own, founded and expanded a successful family business for over 30 years (Ros-Forwarding), and labored both as one in noble endeavors to re-establish democracy to our beloved Cuba. They were in love and it showed through their actions.

In the name of all of us in the Ros and Lehtinen families we would like to ask his friends and everyone else to not be despondent but rather to come together and celebrate his long and fulfilled life. That is what my dad

would have wanted. I know my brother and I shall terribly miss him, but we know that this is not a goodbye but rather a time apart before we are reunited once again next to our creator.

#### HONORING JORDAN PAUL NAZARIO

##### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jordan Paul Nazario. Jordan is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jordan has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Jordan has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jordan has led his troop in various positions including Patrol Leader and Quartermaster. Jordan has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jordan built a shed for his church's garden ministry, allowing the church to safely store hoses, wheelbarrows and other necessary garden equipment.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jordan Paul Nazario for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### RE-INTRODUCTION OF THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY OPPORTUNITY ACT

##### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to re-introduce the "Coast Guard Academy Opportunity Act," legislation to create new opportunities for careers in the U.S. Coast Guard with a geographically and politically diverse group of colleagues. They are: Representative ELIJAH CUMMINGS of Maryland, Representative JOHN DUNCAN of Tennessee, Delegate MADELEINE BORDALLO of Guam, Representative CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Representative YVETTE CLARKE of New York, Delegate PEDRO PIERLUISI of Puerto Rico, Representative MICHAEL MICHAUD of Maine, Representative BETTY MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Representative JANICE HAHN of California, Delegate GREGORIO SABLAN of the Northern Mariana Islands, Representative JACK KINGSTON of Georgia, and Representative KEITH ELLISON of Minnesota.

Currently, Members of Congress are allowed to nominate a limited number of candidates to the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Academy, the U.S. Air Force Academy, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. However, the smallest of the five federal service academies—the U.S. Coast Guard Academy

(USCGA)—does not accept congressional nominations.

Instead, the USCGA admits candidates through a process that resembles the admissions processes of civilian colleges and universities. Without a congressional nominations process, the applicant pool of candidates to the USCGA is predictably less geographically diverse than at the other military service academies. The inevitable result of a less geographically diverse applicant pool is a less geographically diverse class. The statistics bear this out; in fact, the incoming Class of 2016 does not have a single cadet from: Arkansas, the District of Columbia, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, or Guam.

Under the "Coast Guard Academy Opportunity Act," starting in academic year 2014, each Member of Congress could nominate up to three qualified candidates to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. In turn, the Coast Guard would be required to fill a quarter of slots for the incoming class from this pool of congressional nominations comprised of qualified, geographically diverse applicants. Then, in each subsequent academic year, half of the slots in each incoming class would have to be filled through the congressional nominations process.

This legislation would not require the Coast Guard to lower its student selection criteria or increase the size of the student population. To the contrary, it anticipates that the Coast Guard will continue to use its criteria to select the best candidates from the pool of Member-nominated candidates for half of the slots in the incoming class, just as it will do to fill the slots in the other half of the incoming class. The "Coast Guard Academy Opportunity Act" simply seeks to make Congress a partner in helping to put talented young people—from every corner of the country—on the path to a rewarding career in the U.S. Coast Guard.

I urge support of this commonsense, bipartisan legislation.

#### A FAILED POLICY ON SUDAN

##### HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, as of Friday, March 15, the position of Sudan special envoy at the State Department has been vacant.

This vacancy is symptomatic of a president that has all but forsaken the people of Sudan.

Last December a group of prominent Sudan activists and advocates wrote a letter to the administration, which I submit for the RECORD, expressing their "grave concerns that the current U.S. policy is ineffective at stopping mass atrocities in Sudan." They urged President Obama, in his second term, to embrace "an urgent shift in the U.S. policy to finally end the humanitarian crises and bring about a just and lasting peace in Sudan."

The letter cited the president's own words from 2007 when he rightly called the genocide in Darfur a "stain on our souls" and said that "as a president of the United States I don't intend to abandon people or turn a blind eye to slaughter."

And yet, I can't help but wonder if the people of Darfur, who have been displaced from their homes and brutalized by violence for ten years now, do in fact feel abandoned by this president and this administration.

On March 7, CNN featured a piece by the chairman of the Darfur Union in the United Kingdom, himself a Darfuri. Tellingly, he wrote, "... Khartoum's attempt to establish a racially pure Islamic state involves waging war against its own unarmed civilians, systematically and with impunity. In Darfur this has lasted a decade. The U.N. estimates that 300,000 Darfuris have died since 2003, but it hasn't bothered to estimate casualty numbers since 2008. With fighting continuing to this day, the number is likely to be far higher. The world assumes 'Darfur is over.' It isn't."

Not only is Darfur's nightmare ongoing, but Khartoum's brutality has only spread, consistent with its decades' long effort to systematically and ruthlessly consolidate power resulting in the death and displacement of untold thousands. More recently the Nuban people have been driven from their homes, targeted for killing and terrorized because of the color of their skin. Khartoum has indiscriminately bombed civilian populations—disrupting an entire way of life for this largely farming population. Starvation, death and despair have followed. I have visited the refugee camps and talked with the people personally. I have heard their pleas for help and I have conveyed their message to this administration—a message which fell on largely deaf ears.

On March 19, USA Today featured a joint op-ed by actor and co-founder of the anti-genocide organization Not On Our Watch, Don Cheadle, and John Prendergast the co-founder of the Enough Project, in the op-ed wrote, "By excluding all but a narrow clique of Sudanese from access to the power and wealth of the country, marginalized groups from the west (Darfur), south (Blue Nile and the Nuba Mountains) and east have all taken up arms against that regime. . . . Any peace effort should deal comprehensively with all the rebel movements, the unarmed opposition, and civil society, in search of a solution for the whole of Sudan. Until the abusive governing system in Sudan is radically reformed, there will be blood."

Indeed, much blood has been shed, and yet inexplicably this administration has embraced a policy of engagement marked by conciliatory outreach to Khartoum, including the prospect of debt relief for a genocidal government, and a perverse sense of moral equivalence in dealing with South Sudan and Sudan.

While there has been criticism of two successive special envoys, ultimately they were merely the implementers of a policy that is inherently flawed and ultimately ineffective. In fact, I am grateful for the dedication and efforts of both Ambassadors Scott Gration and Princeton Lyman both of whom have poured much time and energy into a daunting task. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

In a February 12 letter to Secretary of State Kerry I wrote, "Our approach to Sudan and South Sudan needs reinvigorating. It demands a renewed sense of moral clarity about who we are dealing with in Khartoum—namely genocidaires. It necessitates someone who can speak candidly with our friends in South Sudan about their own internal challenges, including corruption, and shortcomings as a new nation. While an envoy alone does not a policy make, a high-profile special envoy, from

outside the department, with the knowledge and mandate to aggressively pursue peace, security and justice for the people of Sudan and South Sudan, is an important step in the right direction."

Specifically, I recommended someone like former Senator Russ Feingold.

Now there are whispers that the administration is considering former U.S. ambassador to Sudan, Tim Carney. Many in the Sudan advocacy community are deeply dismayed at this prospect and took the unusual step of asking Secretary Kerry not to move forward with this nomination.

In a March 19 letter, Act for Sudan wrote, "It has come to our attention that former U.S. Ambassador to Sudan, Timothy Carney, is being considered for the position of Special Envoy. . . . While Ambassador Carney has experience in Sudan, we are concerned that his publicly stated advice and guidance with regard to U.S. policy on Sudan will prolong the suffering of the Sudanese people and will undermine U.S. objectives to support a just peace and stable democracies in Sudan and South Sudan, which ultimately are in the best interest of the U.S. and the international community."

The letter references a February 2009 Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing that Kerry chaired where Carney proposed offering a series of carrots to Khartoum, including deferring the International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrant for Sudanese President Omar Bashir, sending an ambassador to Khartoum and removing Sudan from the State Department's list of state sponsors of terrorism.

If the past is any indication, this would be precisely the wrong direction for U.S. policy. Khartoum has met this administration's overtures with continued atrocities and intransigence. Khartoum has rightly concluded that they incur no more blame than the leadership in Juba for what has occurred since the independence vote of January 2011.

Meanwhile, this administration sought to block efforts in Congress, which I initiated, to isolate Bashir. Last year I offered an amendment to the State and Foreign Operations appropriations bill which would have cut non-humanitarian foreign assistance to any nation that allowed him into their country without arresting him. The amendment was adopted with bipartisan support by voice vote despite the department's opposition.

This approach of using our increasingly scarce aid dollars to effectuate change and further our foreign policy objectives is a tried and true method. When Malawi allowed Bashir to enter the country to attend a regional trade summit I pressed the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to end Malawi's compact. The MCC was initially opposed to this course of action but ultimately, in the face of a deteriorating human rights situation internally, reversed course and suspended Malawi's compact, citing Bashir's visit as one of the reasons.

Fortunately Malawi's new president, Joyce Banda, hoping to reinvigorate her country's relationship with donor countries, last year took a firm stand in refusing to allow Bashir to visit her country for the African Union (AU) summit. President Banda went so far as to decline to host the summit lest her country and her government be placed in the position of being forced to host a war criminal. Given her principled stand I made clear to the MCC Board

that I supported Malawi's compact being reinstated which it ultimately was.

However, other countries, including large recipients of U.S. foreign assistance, have not followed suit and the administration has failed to embrace this approach to spur such action.

The amendment I proposed would isolate Bashir and make him an international pariah as is befitting a man with blood on his hands. It is noteworthy that the amendment garnered the support of 70 prominent Holocaust and genocide scholars. Dr. Rafael Medoff, director of the Wyman Institute, which initiated a letter of support to the administration from these scholars, said: "Halting aid to those who host Bashir would be the first concrete step the U.S. has taken to isolate the Butcher of Darfur and pave the way for his arrest. If the Obama administration is serious about punishing perpetrators of genocide, it should support the Wolf Amendment."

Sadly that support never materialized.

Candidate Obama purported to be deeply concerned by the crisis in Sudan and committed to bold actions.

Have we seen a fraction of that concern or anything close to bold action since he became president?

Candidate Obama was sharp in his criticism of President Bush's handling of Sudan.

Have we seen President Obama take even fleeting interest, beyond the occasional talking point, in the deteriorating situation in Sudan marked in part by a growing humanitarian crisis in the Nuba Mountains?

In a piece in the August 4, 2011 *Christian Science Monitor*, noted Sudan researcher and activist Eric Reeves, wrote, "If the world refuses to see what is occurring in South Kordofan, and refuses to respond to evidence that the destruction of the Nuba people, as such, is a primary goal of present military and security actions by Sudan, then this moment will represent definitive failure of the 'responsibility to protect.'"

Meanwhile in an April 23, 2012 speech at the U.S. Holocaust Museum President Obama lauded his commitment in the realm of genocide and mass-atrocities prevention, saying, without a hint of irony, "We're making sure that the United States government has the structures, the mechanisms to better prevent and respond to mass atrocities. So I created the first-ever White House position dedicated to this task. It's why I created a new Atrocities Prevention Board, to bring together senior officials from across our government to focus on this critical mission. This is not an afterthought."

He continued, ". . . we need to be doing everything we can to prevent and respond to these kinds of atrocities—because national sovereignty is never a license to slaughter your people."

I couldn't agree more. And yet, I think most in the Sudan watchers would hardly be able to claim that this administration has done everything it can to prevent and respond to Khartoum's assault on its own people.

With tensions between Sudan and South Sudan on the rise and nearing a tipping point, thousands starving in the Nuba Mountains, refugees fleeing aerial bombardment and pouring over the border into South Sudan, violence persisting in Darfur and an internationally indicted war criminal at the helm in Khartoum who travels the globe with virtual impunity, it is time for a fresh policy and a renewed commitment to peace and justice in Sudan.

To date, this president has offered nothing more than an abdication of leadership and a failure of vision, which has culminated in human suffering and misery.

DECEMBER 11, 2012,

Hon. BARACK OBAMA,  
*President of the United States,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, We, the undersigned human rights organizations, have grave concerns that the current U.S. policy is ineffective at stopping mass atrocities in Sudan. We write in the hope that the transition to your second term in office will bring an urgent shift in the U.S. policy to finally end the humanitarian crises and bring about a just and lasting peace in Sudan.

As you know, genocide continues in Sudan. The National Congress Party (NCP) regime in Sudan, led by a president indicted by the International Criminal Court for genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, is causing the death, starvation, displacement, and destruction of livelihood of Sudanese civilians in Darfur, Nuba Mountains/South Kordofan and the Blue Nile state.

When speaking about Sudan in 2007 you called the genocide in Darfur a "stain on our souls" and said that "as a president of the United States I don't intend to abandon people or turn a blind eye to slaughter." Vice President Biden, the same year, called for military force in Darfur. Yet five years later, the same genocidal regime, whose grave human rights abuses have been left unchecked by the international community, is emboldened to continue to perpetrate atrocities, not only in Darfur but now in Sudan's border regions.

In your first term, your administration pursued a policy of engagement, marked by conciliatory diplomacy. Under the oversight of two Special Envoys, this policy has failed to stop the government of Sudan from committing ongoing mass atrocities.

We now ask that you revamp your Sudan policy to address the root cause of Sudan's multiple conflicts, the repressive and genocidal Sudan regime.

Specifically, we ask that your administration:

(1) Deliver humanitarian aid to the starving Sudanese civilians in the Nuba Mountains/South Kordofan and Blue Nile State, with or without agreement from the government of Sudan or the U.N. Security Council, with multilateral partners or unilaterally, and with the urgency required to save starving people.

(2) Instruct the National Security Council to accelerate decisions and related actions regarding protection of Nuba, Blue Nile, and Darfuri populations from air attacks and to seriously consider the destruction of Sudan's offensive aerial assets and/or the imposition of a no-fly zone pursuant to the responsibility to protect doctrine.

(3) Support an end to the NCP regime's control of the government of Sudan and support the movement within Sudan for democratic transformation.

(4) Oppose debt relief and cash transfers to the government of Sudan, thereby increasing pressure on that government and strengthening the effects of U.S. sanctions.

(5) Demonstrate strong leadership to end the government-sponsored violence in Sudan, protect civilians in Sudan and South Sudan, ensure unhindered humanitarian access for those in need, and bring the perpetrators of genocide and mass atrocities to justice at the International Criminal Court.

The government of Sudan's blatant and longstanding abuse of its citizens and disregard for the international community clearly defines the nature of that government. Sudan's repeated failure to abide by



the outcome of negotiations is a well-established pattern. After 23 years of mass atrocities committed by President Bashir and his government, it is long past time for the United States and the international community to confront Bashir and the NCP and bring an end to their mass atrocities.

Sincerely,

Act for Sudan, Martina Knee, Co-Founder USA; African Soul, American Heart, Debra Dawson, President, Fargo, ND, USA; Americans Against the Darfur Genocide, Nikki Serapio, Director, Washington, DC, USA; Amnesty Group 133, Robert Saulnier, Somerville, MA, USA; Dr. Kjell Anderson, Senior Researcher/Project Leader, The Hague Institute for Global Justice, Member, Advisory Board International Association of Genocide Scholars, The Hague, The Netherlands; Armenian Assembly of America, Bryan Ardouny, Executive Director, Washington, DC, USA; Beja Organization for Human Rights and Development, Ibrahim T. Ahmed, Co-founder and Executive Director, Fairfax, VA, USA; Blue Nile Association of North America, Abdalla Babikir, Washington, DC, USA; Brooklyn Coalition for Darfur & Marginalized Sudan, Laura Limuli, Coordinator, Brooklyn, NY, USA; "Change the world. It just takes cents" TM, Sara Caine Kornfeld, Founder/Educator, Denver, CO, USA; Christian Solidarity International—USA, Rev. Heidi McGinness, Director of Outreach, Denver, CO, USA.

Church Alliance for a New Sudan, The Institute on Religion and Democracy, Faith J. H. McDonnell, Director, Washington, DC, USA; Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action, Roz Duman, Founder/Director Denver, CO, USA; Connecticut Coalition to Save Darfur, Timothy Oslovich, Chairperson, Vernon, CT, USA; Damanga Coalition for Freedom and Democracy, Mohamed Yahya, Executive Director, Falls Church, VA, USA; Darfur Action Group of SC, Richard Sribnick, Chairman, Columbia, SC, USA; Darfur and Beyond, Cory Williams, Co-Founder, Phoenix, AZ, USA; Darfur Association, Adam Omer, President, Lincoln, NE, USA; Darfur Association of the USA, Dr. Mahmoud Braima, President, Baton Rouge, LA, USA; Darfur Association, Ahmed Adam Ali, Denver, CO, USA; Darfur Community Organization, Bakheit A. Shata, Founder/Executive Director, Omaha, NE, USA; Darfur Human Rights Organization of the USA, Abdelgabar Adam, Founder and President, Philadelphia, PA, USA; Darfur Interfaith Network, Richard Young, Co-Chair, Washington, DC, USA.

Darfur Leaders Network (DLN), Motasim Adam, Director, Washington, DC, USA; Darfur People's Association of New York, Ahmat Nour, President, Brooklyn, NY, USA; Darfur Solidarity USA, Mohammed Ahmed Eisa, Executive Director, Cambridge, MA, USA; Darfur Women Action Group, Niemat Ahmadi, President, Washington, DC, USA; Darfuri Association of Greater Houston, Sallah Yahya, Executive Director, Houston, TX, USA; Dear Sudan, Love Marin, Gerri Miller, Founder and Coordinator, Tiburon, CA, USA; Tanya L. Domi, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA; Dr. Herbert Ekwe-Ekwe, Independent Scholar, Author of *Biafra Revisited* (Dakar and Reading: African Renaissance, 2006) and Readings from Read-

ing: *Essays on African Politics, Genocide, Literature* (Dakar and Reading: African Renaissance, 2011), London, England; Essex County Coalition for Darfur, Gloria Crist, Co-Founder, Montclair, NJ, USA; Mia Farrow, Actor, CT, USA; Fur Cultural Revival, El-Fadel Arbab, Executive Director and Lecturer, Portland, ME, USA; Genocide No More, Mary Steinberg, Coordinator, Redding, CA, USA.

Genocide Watch, George Mason University, Dr. Gregory Stanton, President, Arlington, VA, USA; GeNoticed, Elizabeth Blackney, Co-Founder, Author and Anti-genocide advocate, Virginia Beach, VA, USA; Georgia Coalition to Prevent Genocide, Melanie Nelkin, Chair, Atlanta, GA, USA; Harry Potter Alliance, Andrew Slack, Executive Director, Somerville, MA, USA; Help Nuba, Rabbi David Kaufman, Founder, Des Moines, IA, USA; Dr. Rick Halperin, Director, Embrey Human Rights Program, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, USA; Herbert Hirsch, Professor of Political Science and Co-Editor, Genocide Studies and Prevention, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, USA; Human Rights & Advocacy Network for Democracy (HAND), Abdalmegeed Haroun, Chairperson, Brooklyn, NY, USA; Humanity is Us, Kimberly Hollingsworth, Founder, New York, NY, USA; Idaho Darfur Coalition, A. J. Fay, Co-Founder, Boise, ID, USA; International Justice Project, Raymond Brown, President, Newark, NJ, USA; Investors Against Genocide, Eric Cohen, Chairperson, Boston, MA, USA; Iowa Center for Genocide Prevention, Kristen Anderson, Founder & 2011 Carl Wilkens Fellow, Des Moines, IA, USA; Jewish World Watch, Vaughan Meyer, Advocacy Committee Chair, Los Angeles, CA, USA; Jews Against Genocide, Eileen Weiss, Co-founder, New York, NY, USA; Joining Our Voices, Jack Slater Armstrong, Founder/Director, Baton Rouge, LA, USA; George Kent, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, USA; Keokuk for Global Awareness and Aid, Blake McGhghy, Co-Founder, Keokuk, IA, USA; Mr. David Kilgour, J.D., Former Canadian Secretary of State for Africa, Ottawa, Canada; Massachusetts Coalition to Save Darfur, William Rosenfeld, Director, Boston, MA, USA; Winter Miller, Writer, Greenfield, MA, USA; Paul Mojzes, Ph.D., D.D., Professor of Religious Studies and Genocide, Scholar, Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA, USA; Never Again Coalition, Diane Koosed, Co-Chair, Portland, OR, USA; New York Coalition for Darfur and All Sudan, Neiki Ullah, Communications Director, New York, NY, USA; New York Darfur Vigil Group, Helga Moor, Coordinator, New York, NY, USA.

Nuba Mountain Peace Coalition, Tito Elgassai, Founder, Dallas, TX, USA; Nuba Mountains Advocacy Group, USA, Abdelgadir Kurba, Secretary General, New York, NY, USA; Nuba Mountains International Association USA, Magid Kabashi, Secretary for Information, Ashburn, VA, USA; Nuba Vision Coalition, Inc, Yassir A. Kori, Founder & Executive Director, Oklahoma City, OK, USA; Nubia Project, Nuraddin Abdelmannan, President, Silver Spring, MD, USA; NYC Genocide Prevention Coalition, Staci M. Alziebler-Perkins, Convener, NY, NY, USA; Operation Broken Silence, Mark

C. Hackett, CEO, Executive Director, Memphis, TN, USA; Eric Reeves, Sudan Researcher, Northampton, MA, USA; Hawa Abdallah Mohammed Salih, U.S. Department of State 2012 International Women of Courage Award Winner, Flemington, NJ, USA; San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, Mohamed Suleiman, President, San Francisco, CA, USA; Save Darfur Washington State, Ned Laskowski, President, Seattle, WA, USA; Shine a Ray of Hope, Carmen Paolercio, Coordinator, New Rochelle, NY, USA; Robert Skloot, Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, USA.

Society for Threatened People, Sharon Silber, US Representative, New York, NY, USA; Stop Genocide Now, Gabriel Stauring, Director and Founder, Redondo Beach, CA, USA; Sudan Advocacy Action Forum, Dr. Eleanor Wright, Moderator, Birmingham, AL, USA; Sudan Human Rights Network, Ismail Kardoly, Vice President, Washington, DC, USA; Sudan Liberation Movement, Shafi Aldin Mosa, Office Coordinator, Atlanta, GA, USA; Sudan Rowan Inc., Ngor Kur Mayol, Founder, Atlanta, GA, USA; Sudan Unlimited, Esther Sprague, Director, San Francisco, CA, USA; Sudanese Marginalized Forum-USA, Gogadi Amoga, Chair, Batavia, OH, USA; The Advocates for Human Rights, Robin Phillips, Executive Director, Minneapolis, MN, USA; The Institute on Religion and Democracy, Mark Tooley, President, Washington, DC, USA.

Dr. Samuel Totten, Professor Emeritus, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Author of *Genocide by Attrition: Nuba Mountains, Sudan* (Transaction, 2012), Fayetteville, AR, USA; Triangles of Truth, Simon Goldberg, Executive Director, Boca Raton, FL, USA; Unite For Darfur, Bahar Arabie, CEO, Author of *Darfur, Road to Genocide*, Rockville, MD, USA; United Sudanese and South Sudanese Community Association (USASSCA), Henry Lejukole, Chairman, Des Moines, IA, USA; Use Your Voice to Stop Genocide RI, Sandra Hammel, Director, Portsmouth, RI, USA; Village Help for South Sudan, Franco Majok, Executive Director, Lynn, MA, USA; Voices for Sudan, Jimmy Mulla, Founder and President, Washington, DC, USA; Roger P. Winter, Former U.S. Special Representative on Sudan, Woodbine, MD, USA.

## RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON'S MOST WANTED PROGRAM

### HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the program Washington's Most Wanted. This television program began in Washington State in partnership with Crime Stoppers of Puget Sound and Tacoma-Pierce County Crime Stoppers in November of 2008 and expanded to Spokane, Yakima, and the Tri-Cities as well as Portland, OR in February of 2009. The weekly half hour telecast was created by Seattle's Q13 FOX General Manager Pam Pearson and hosted by anchor David Rose and has evolved into a state-wide effort to encompass much of the Pacific Northwest region.

This month, the program saw its 400th capture. This means that 400 individuals were arrested for such crimes as murder, rape, theft, assault and other travesties. I applaud Washington's Most Wanted for its successful efforts towards creating safer communities and giving a voice to the victims of violent crime.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE HOLOCAUST RAIL JUSTICE BILL

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing the bipartisan Holocaust Rail Justice Act along with my colleagues Representatives ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN, C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER, ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS, CHARLES B. RANGEL, JOHN SARBANES, RUSH HOLT, BILL PASCRELL, JR., ALLYSON SCHWARTZ, GERRY CONNOLLY, TED DEUTCH, CORRINE BROWN, ROBERT BRADY, JERROLD NADLER, JIM MORAN, DAVID CICILLINE, ALCEE HASTINGS, RAÚL M. GRIJALVA, PETER KING, LOIS FRANKEL and RANDY WEBER.

During World War II, trains operated by Societe Nationale des Chemins de fer Francais (SNCF) transported more than 75,000 Jews, United States pilots shot down over France, and other "undesirables," from France toward Nazi death camps. SNCF willingly collaborated with the Nazi government, operating the trains as a commercial venture and were paid per head, per kilometer to deliver thousands to their deaths.

SNCF has not been held accountable for its actions by never paying reparations to its victims in the almost 70 years since the end of World War II. The Holocaust Rail Justice Act allows the hundreds of known survivors, veterans and their family members living in the United States today to hold SNCF accountable. Holocaust survivors would be granted their deserved day in court, including many who have sought legal action for the past 10 years.

SNCF has thus far succeeded in evading jurisdiction in the United States courts by hiding behind foreign sovereign immunity. This legislation would simply preclude, in this one limited instance, the defense of foreign sovereign immunity from being raised. As the facts make clear, this is not the type of situation foreign sovereign immunity was intended to cover.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this legislation that would finally hold SNCF accountable for its wartime actions and provide survivors with what is likely their last opportunity for justice in their lifetimes.

#### HONORING BEN C. MAYS

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Ben C. Mays. Ben is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Ben has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Ben has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Ben has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Ben erected a 25-foot flagpole on the grounds of the First Presbyterian Church of Liberty, Missouri, to honor the veterans of the United States military.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Ben C. Mays for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### HONORING HARRISON AKINS

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, with the emerging debate on drones and their use, I recently had lunch here in Washington, DC with Harrison Akins, a former constituent of mine, to discuss the subject. He is a fine young man who grew up in Blount County in East Tennessee, and I have known him for many years.

He is now a research fellow at American University working as the chief researcher on a book project with Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, the Chair of Islamic Studies at American University, the first Distinguished Chair of Middle East Studies at the U.S. Naval Academy, and the former Political Agent in charge of Waziristan in the Tribal Areas of Pakistan. Ambassador Ahmed's new book is called *The Thistle and the Drone*.

This book examines the tribal societies targeted by America's drone campaigns in Pakistan, Yemen, and Somalia, as well as other tribal societies involved in the war on terror.

As I wrote in my August 2012 newsletter, Georgie Anne Geyer is one of this Nation's most senior and most highly-respected foreign policy columnists. She wrote recently that we "are embarked upon missions mired in the fog of human nature, with robotic weapons that may relieve the threat to our human soldiers but that will cause many times more hatred toward America."

She wrote about inaccurate drones "killing totally innocent people" in several countries and quoted a Washington Post article that said "an escalating campaign of U.S. drone strikes is stirring increasing sympathy for al-Qaeda-linked militants and driving tribesmen to join a network linked to terrorist plots against the United States." Of course, a large amount of money is being made off the sale of those drones to the government.

Mr. Speaker, we should heed the words of Benjamin Franklin: "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

Harrison Akins is an extremely intelligent, capable young man who I believe will be a great leader for this Nation in the years ahead.

His outstanding research on this book is a significant contribution in an area that deserves very serious and thoughtful consideration.

The Thistle and the Drone gives us all pause to think about the future of drone war-

fare and the war on terror and the direction of our country, and I call it to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD.

AMERICA NEEDS REAL JOBS,  
REAL SOLUTIONS, AND REAL RESULTS

**HON. KENNY MARCHANT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, last week, we were reminded of the devastating economic consequences that tax hikes and Obamacare are having on our economy.

Only 88,000 jobs were added last month, according to the Department of Labor, and nearly half a million people left the job market. The percentage of Americans in the labor force is now at its lowest level since the Carter era.

For every job gained last month, more than five people stopped looking for work altogether.

And now the President submits a budget proposal that completely ignores this economic reality. This proposal hikes taxes and does nothing to balance our budget.

This is unacceptable. America needs real jobs, real solutions, and real results.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,798,984,234,792.33. We've added \$6,172,107,185,879.25 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL YOUTH HIV AND AIDS AWARE- NESS DAY

**HON. G.K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day which occurred yesterday. This day is symbolic of communities, government leaders, schools and most importantly today's young people leading the effort to end the HIV and AIDS pandemic that is still rapidly spreading among our nation's teens and young adults more than 30 years after it was first discovered.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV and AIDS education and prevention information has made great strides in slowing infection and mortality rates, however young people between the ages of 13



and 24 account for 26 percent of new HIV infections each year, with nearly 60 percent unaware that they are infected.

The Advocates for Youth organization in conjunction with 11 other founding partners are supporting young people in the fight against HIV and AIDS. This national day marks an important step toward recognizing the key role that future generations play in becoming leaders in disease prevention and education.

Three years ago, the White House unveiled the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, our country's first-ever comprehensive plan with measurable goals to be achieved by 2015. This plan calls for a renewed commitment and increased public attention to meet three goals: reduce the number of people who become infected with HIV; increase access to care and improve health outcomes for people living with HIV; and reduce HIV-related health disparities. In outlining these goals, President Obama challenged everyone to partner in supporting the implementation of the innovative strategy "that provides a clear direction for moving forward together."

North Carolina ranks in the top ten states for rates of new HIV infection. This alarming statistic is one of the reasons why medical professionals such as Dr. Michelle Collins-Ogle, of Northern Outreach Clinic in Henderson, North Carolina are so passionate about offering illness education, prevention, testing, and medical intervention. Even with few resources, Dr. Ogle, the clinic's director, fights not just the disease but the perceived stigma of the disease as well.

As a former civil rights attorney I applaud the efforts of organizations who are advocating for the rights of people living with HIV and AIDS. Organizations such as the North Carolina AIDS Action Network, who mobilized support to persuade the AIDS Drug Assistance Program to reopen new enrollments for low-income people needing access to life-saving HIV medication. I want to also recognize Duke University's AIDS Legal Project, a pro bono program that trains law school students to serve the unmet need of providing legal counsel to highly stigmatized, low-income HIV-infected clients.

Combating HIV and AIDS, as with any other illness plaguing this country, requires a partnership for success. That partnership must include action on behalf of our governing bodies, healthcare providers, and individual citizens to keep these issues at the forefront of the minds of all Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing April 10th as National Youth HIV & Awareness Day as we salute the efforts of young people nationwide who are tirelessly and effectively working toward achieving the goal of an AIDS-free generation.

HONORING NILS HAUGEN

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Nils Haugen. Nils is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy

Scouts of America, Troop 374, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Nils has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Nils has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Nils has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Nils built two picnic tables and two benches at the Northland Therapeutic Riding Center in Holt, Missouri, which provides equine-based therapy for people with special needs.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Nils Haugen for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IMPROVED HEALTH CARE AT LOWER COST ACT OF 2013

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is widely accepted, on both sides of the aisle in both the House and Senate, that health care costs are the single major driver of our deficit and that we need better quality health care at lower costs—for our citizens and for our economy. When it comes to implementing carefully crafted gainsharing programs, existing law is in the way. To meet the three goals of (1) decreasing costs, (2) improving quality, and (3) not compromising access to health care services, the "Improved Health Care at Lower Cost Act of 2013" (the "Act") will require the OIG and CMS to issue regulations that define standards for gainsharing and similar arrangements that will be protected under the anti-fraud laws. The requirements that federal regulators set should include a primary emphasis on quality. OIG has vast experience in approving shared savings programs where the shared savings payment to physicians by the hospital was conditioned upon meeting certain quality metrics. The idea that shared savings payments should take quality into account seems obvious to me; no one should be permitted to share in savings that the hospital accrues without demonstrating that quality either improved, or at a minimum, was not adversely impacted by such arrangements. I am assuming that regulators will draw upon their vast experience with these programs and put in place sufficient protections to guard against fraud, waste, and abuse. Such protections may include requirements around quality; comparisons against historical data; a ceiling on savings that will inure to any given physician; and a requirement that arrangements be reduced to writing to ensure that it easier to identify arrangements that do not comply with the requirements that CMS and OIG set through rulemaking.

The Act will allow hospitals and physicians to better align incentives in order to decrease health care costs through allowing certain "gainsharing" arrangements. The term "gainsharing" refers to arrangements where hospitals share with physicians any reduction in the hospital's costs for patient care that the hospital gets as a result of the efforts of the

physician. Currently, gainsharing arrangements are prohibited under several anti-fraud laws. First, the federal Civil Monetary Penalty statute prevents hospitals and physicians from engaging in "gainsharing" arrangements. Second, the Office of the Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services ("OIG") has indicated that gainsharing arrangements may implicate the federal Anti-Kickback law. Finally, gainsharing arrangements may be prohibited by the Physician Self-Referral law. Because of the potential legal implications, hospitals and physicians have been reluctant to participate in gainsharing arrangements for fear of prosecution under all of these laws or even under the False Claims Act.

Notwithstanding existing law, the government has acknowledged that there is potential benefit associated with gainsharing arrangements. In its 1999 guidance, the OIG said:

[t]he OIG recognizes that hospitals have a legitimate interest in enlisting physicians in their efforts to eliminate unnecessary costs. Savings that do not affect the quality of patient care may be generated in many ways[.] Achieving these savings may require substantial effort on the part of the participating physicians. Obviously, a reduction in health care costs that does not adversely affect the quality of the health care provided to patients is in the best interest of the nation's health care system [emphasis supplied].

Then, in 2005, MedPAC issued a recommendation in its Report to Congress that hospitals and physicians be permitted to engage in gainsharing arrangements. In this report, MedPAC stated that:

[t]he Commission believes that gainsharing arrangements have the potential to improve patient care and reduce hospital costs as long as safeguards are in place to minimize the undesirable incentives. . . . Due to the potential for gainsharing arrangements to encourage physician and hospital cooperation to lower costs and improve care, the Congress should provide the Secretary with the authority to allow and regulate these arrangements. The Secretary should develop rules that allow gainsharing arrangements as long as safeguards exist to ensure that cost-saving measures do not reduce quality or inappropriately influence physician referrals [emphasis supplied].

Finally, in 2008, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") issued a proposed rule that would have created an exception under the Physician Self-Referral law to protect certain "shared savings and incentive payment programs." In the preamble to the proposed rule, CMS stated the following:

[s]hared savings programs have been recognized by stakeholders as an effective means of controlling costs, improving efficiency, and promoting quality in the delivery of health care services. Government stakeholders have recognized similar potential benefits when shared savings programs are properly structured to ensure compliance with Federal health care program requirements. Empirical evidence suggests that the goal of patient care quality maintenance or improvement can be achieved through a properly-designed shared savings program.

The rule was never finalized. However, based upon the assertions of OIG, MedPAC, and CMS, the evidence seems clear and convincing: properly structured gainsharing programs show substantial potential in reducing

costs by aligning incentives between hospitals and physicians to make cost-saving improvements to healthcare delivery.

In sum, the Act strikes the right balance between the need for innovation in promoting cost savings efforts and the need to guard against waste, fraud, and abuse. CMS and OIG can structure the requirements that hospital-physician arrangements must meet in a way that ensures federal health care programs will be protected from fraud, waste, and abuse. Federal regulators have been overseeing these arrangements for nearly a decade—either through demonstration authority or through the advisory opinion process—I am confident that this legislation holds genuine promise for being a “game changer” in getting us towards the goal of better care at a lower cost without compromising access to quality health care services.

HONORING WILLIAM TELFORD  
BARNHOUSE II ON HIS 90TH  
BIRTHDAY

**HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM**

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate William Telford Barnhouse II, known as Bill to his friends, was born on April 18, 1923 and is celebrating his 90th birthday this year along with family and friends. Bill was raised in Austin, Texas when it was still a small town. He graduated in 1940 from Austin High School where he competed on the debate team. His fondest memories of those years are of his family, his dog and the car he was able to buy with the money he made selling fireworks.

After high school Bill went to the University of Texas in Austin where he joined the United States Navy as a Naval Reserve Officer Cadet. He received his commission as an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve on February 26, 1944, married his college sweetheart Margaret Pierson on February 27, 1944, received his degree in Business Administration on February 29, 1944 and his orders to report to the USS *Kidd*, Destroyer 661 in the South Pacific that same day.

After surviving repeated kamikaze attacks during the battle of Okinawa, on April 11, 1945 the *Kidd* was struck by a kamikaze killing thirty-seven and wounding seventy-five of the *Kidd*'s sailors and officers. Bill survived the attack and helped sail the *Kidd* back to the United States for repairs. After it was decommissioned, the *Kidd* eventually sailed to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where it now serves as Louisiana's Naval War Memorial in Baton Rouge.

After the war, Bill worked in a number of jobs before going to work for Southern Union Gas Company as its Office Manager in Austin, Texas. In 1961, Southern Union moved Bill to Albuquerque to be its office manager here, where he worked in the building now housing the Flying Star at 8th Street and Central. After advancements that required moving to El Paso and Dallas, Bill was named President of the Gas Company of New Mexico and returned to Albuquerque in 1975. He retired from that position in 1983.

Margaret and Bill were married for fifty years and were blessed with five children: Wil-

liam T. Barnhouse III (known as Tig to friends and family) who lives in La Union, New Mexico and, along with his wife Lydia, owns two businesses operating out of El Paso, Texas; Gene Barnhouse who along with his wife Carmen owns Albuquerque Lighting; Kyle Barnhouse who owns Southwest Childcare and its three child care centers in Albuquerque; Dolph Barnhouse, a lawyer practicing in Albuquerque; and Marlane Barnhouse, who works as a special education teacher for the Albuquerque Public Schools. After Margaret passed away in 1994, Bill renewed an old friendship with Glyn Walker, who he knew from his days in Austin. Bill and Glyn enjoyed sixteen years of marriage before she passed away. Glyn's daughter Donna Agler and her husband Hal live in Santa Fe and remain close to Bill and his family. Bill was again blessed when a close cousin introduced him to Anne Weigers, who he married last year. Anne's daughter Margaret Vitullo and son David bring to eight the number of Bill's children and step children.

During his ninety years Bill has always worked to help others and build his community. In addition to his service during WW II, Bill helped establish the New Mexico Museum of Natural History (where he is honored by name on its wall of recognition), the El Paso Cancer Research Center, the Board of Advisors for the New Mexico Cancer Research Center, and the USS *Kidd* and Louisiana Veterans Memorial in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Other highlights of his nine decades include his tenure as Chairman of the Lovelace Medical Center Board of Advisers, Chairman and President of the El Paso United Way and his service as a Boy Scout Troop Leader for nine years.

Family and friends will join Bill on April 18 to celebrate his ninetieth birthday, and honor all he has done over those ninety years.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
AND SERVICE OF ANNE  
EVANS

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Anne Evans, United States Department of Commerce International Trade Administration District Director for Connecticut. I congratulate her for her induction into the New England Tire and Service Association (NETSA) Hall of Fame for 2013 and wish to recognize her numerous achievements in business, government, and service to her country and community.

Throughout her career, Anne has demonstrated a commitment to excellence. From her childhood experience learning valuable customer service skills from her father and grandfather, through her leadership of New England's tire industry, and now as a senior Department of Commerce Official, Anne continues to seek innovative approaches to develop New England and Connecticut's economy and solve business and environmental challenges.

Anne's career began early, helping with the family business. As a young professional, she served her state in Washington, D.C. as a

Congressional and Committee staff member, as well as in the Connecticut Assembly. While Anne would go on to an illustrious career in government service, her family business came calling first. When her father fell ill in 1978, Anne returned to Connecticut to run the family tire business.

Over her 30 year career in the tire industry, Anne has found success in the retreading, retailing, distribution, and import-export sectors. Joining Import Tire in 1982 sparked Anne's passion for international trade. She dove headfirst into global challenges facing the tire industry, forming a company to focus on international trade in tires as well as the global waste-tire disposal. This company, in partnership with Oxford Energy, developed the Exeter Energy Plant in Sterling, Connecticut. She was recognized for her immense success and went on to manage waste-tire issues for the government of the United Kingdom and founded Elm Energy and Recycling Limited with the support of the global tire industry. Her commitment to global business issues culminated in 2008 when she was appointed as the District Director for Connecticut to the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

For her efforts, Anne has been featured in the Wall Street Journal, The New Yorker, The Financial Times, and the New York Times. In 2000, she received the International Business Leader of the Year award from the Metro Hartford Chamber of Commerce. In 2003 Anne was awarded the Tire Industry Association “Industry Pioneer Award” for her leadership and achievements in the waste tire industry. In 2012 the Hartford Business Journal named Anne as the “Remarkable Business Woman of the Year.” Most recently, in December of 2012, she was recognized by the U.S. Department of Commerce for her work in creating and sustaining her Veterans Workforce Development Program at the Middletown Export Center. Since I was elected to Congress, I have worked closely with Anne to help Connecticut companies expand exports. Anne and I have lead trade missions to the United Kingdom, Israel, and Belgium with Connecticut companies to help create new economic opportunities and jobs in the state.

Anne's honor gives us the opportunity to reflect on our shared commitment to growing our economy in the face of the challenges of increased global competition. I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring Anne Evans's induction into the NETSA Hall of Fame for 2013.

IN RECOGNITION OF UKRAINIAN  
PRESIDENT YANUKOVYCH'S DE-  
CISION TO PARDON FORMER IN-  
TERIOR MINISTER LUTSENKO  
AND FORMER ENVIRONMENT  
MINISTER FILIPCHUK.

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in my capacity as the Ranking Member of the Europe, Eurasia and Emerging Threats subcommittee to recognize the decision of Ukrainian President Yanukovich to pardon former Interior Minister Lutsenko and former Environment Minister Filipchuk. This is a notable step

toward bringing Ukraine closer to a path that espouses the democratic values that the Ukrainian people have fought so long and hard to receive and maintain. The path toward democracy is not an easy one, and my hope is that we will be hearing more bright news from Ukraine in the near future. Of particular concern is the continued imprisonment of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. I hope that Ukraine will fulfill its commitment to a democratic future for its people and secure her release, as well.

**CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL  
OF DAUPHIN ISLAND JOINING  
THE UNITED STATES**

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to mark the bicentennial of Dauphin Island, Alabama, joining the United States of America. On this date in 1813, Spain handed over the 14-mile-long, 1¾-mile-wide barrier island, located at the mouth of Mobile Bay, to the United States.

Dauphin Island has a long and rich history which spans nearly 500 years since it was first mapped by Alonzo Pineda in 1519. In fact, according to some accounts, it may have caught the eye of western explorers even earlier.

In 1699, French explorers landed on the small island, providing an anchor for the establishment of the French colony of Mobile. The French gave the island its present day name. When nearby Fort Louis de la Mobile became capital of the French Louisiana Territory, Dauphin Island, with its deep water and strategic location, was home to trading ships, settlers and naval surveillance.

Dauphin Island was threatened by the Spanish in 1719 during the Pensacola War. Hurricanes and changing conditions on the island also had an impact on the history and development of the island. During the great storm of 1740, nearly half the island was washed away, including 300 head of cattle. After the French left Dauphin Island around 1763, the English took possession of the tiny barrier island until it was finally captured by the Spaniards in 1781. Two years later, Dauphin Island was taken by General James Wilkinson and claimed by the United States.

In 1822, Fort Gaines was constructed by the United States Army on the eastern side of the island and it remained in U.S. hands until 1861 when Confederate-allied troops took possession. The fort was surrendered and returned to Union forces in 1864.

Today, Dauphin Island has long since relinquished its long-held military role for another of equal importance. As Alabama's barrier island, it is also a natural protector of the coast from hurricanes and tropical storms for an ever growing south Mobile County. It is also a popular tourist destination and home to 1,200 permanent residents. Thousands of visitors come each year to Dauphin Island to experience the sun and surf as well as the wildlife.

The Island is also home to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, an Audubon Bird Sanctuary, and Dauphin Island Campground. Fishing piers provide access to Gulf of Mexico and Mississippi Sound for shallow water fishing for the land lovers, while charter boats offer deep water fishing excursions.

As the people of Dauphin Island celebrate the bicentennial of their beautiful island becoming an official part of the United States, I extend greetings and best wishes on behalf of the House of Representatives. May Dauphin Island's significant role in our nation's long history never be forgotten.

**HONORING DAYTON R. ZIRKLE**

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Dayton R. Zirkle. Dayton is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Dayton has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Dayton has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned 68 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Dayton has led his troop as Senior Patrol Leader and earned the rank of Tom-Tom Beater in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Dayton has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Dayton built a migration tower and nesting habitat for the Chimney Swift at Helen Davis School in St. Joseph, Missouri, providing much-needed habitat for a bird population in need of support.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Dayton R. Zirkle for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**REMEMBERING MARINE MASTER  
SERGEANT PATRICK T. QUIRK**

**HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Marine Master Sergeant Patrick T. Quirk, who passed away on March 23, 2013.

Master Sergeant Quirk was a 20 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served his country in Vietnam. Among some of the awards highlighting his valiant service to his nation are the National Defense Service Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, awarded to soldiers who accomplished deeds of valor and displayed heroic conduct.

After leaving active duty, Master Sergeant Quirk continued to serve his country and this nation's youth as a JROTC instructor for over 20 additional years, highlighted by his 18 year tenure at Ouachita Parish High School.

Master Sergeant Quirk will be remembered by those he taught for his leadership, wisdom, and compassion, and his legacy will live on in the countless students who he helped usher into adulthood with the lessons he instilled in them.

So today, I ask that you please join me in remembering Master Sergeant Patrick Quirk. It

is my hope that his service to our nation and his fellow man continue to inspire future generations to follow in his footsteps.

**IN HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE RESERVE 65TH  
BIRTHDAY**

**HON. TIMOTHY J. WALZ**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 65th anniversary of the Air Force Reserve, created by President Harry S. Truman on April 14, 1948.

Since the founding of the United States, citizens have answered the call to arms, accomplished their mission with professionalism and honor, and returned to their civilian lives to await the next call.

Truman envisioned a new Reserve Component to continue this tradition of service—"being ready when called upon"—that was founded by the Army Air Service reservists of the First World War who flew wood and canvas biplanes. The forerunner of our modern Air Force Reserve was authorized by Congress and the National Defense Act of 1916.

Today, Air Force reservists, known as Citizen Airmen, perform leading roles in military operations, humanitarian crisis and disaster relief around the globe. The Air Force Reserve consists of officers, enlisted and civil servants who are tasked by law to fill the needs of the armed forces whenever more units and people are required than are in the Regular Air Force.

More than 860,000 people make up the Ready, Standby, Retired and Active Duty Retired Reserve. This includes 70,000 Selected Reservists who are ready-now and participate in every job specialty and on the front lines of daily military operations around the globe.

The creation of the Air Force Reserve followed the birth of the Air Force itself about seven months earlier on Sept. 18, 1947. The newly created Air Force had gained its independence from the Army, tracing its roots back to the Aeronautical Division of the U.S. Army's Office of the Chief Signal Officer which took charge of military balloons and air machines in 1907.

Ten years later, the first two air reserve units were mobilized, and one of them, the First Aero Reserve Squadron from Mineola, N.Y., deployed to France as the United States entered World War I in 1917. The new "Air Service" reserve program provided the war effort about 10,000 pilots who had graduated from civilian and military flying schools.

Later, reservists played a critical role in World War II when 1,500 reserve pilots along with 1,300 non-rated officers and 400 enlisted Airmen augmented the Army Air Corps in the war's early days. This included the legendary Jimmy Doolittle who was ordered to active duty to work in Detroit to convert automobile manufacturing plants into aircraft factories and later went on to lead "Doolittle's Raiders," the first American bombing attack on the Japanese mainland.

After World War II ended, the young Air Force Reserve was barely two years old when it mobilized nearly 147,000 reservists for the Korean War from 1950 to 1953.

In the 1960s, five Air Force Reserve C-124 aircraft units along with 5,613 reservists were

mobilized for a year to support the Berlin Crisis. By 1962, an additional mobilization of 14,220 reservists and 422 aircraft were supporting operations during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

During the Vietnam War, the Air Force Reserve provided strategic airlift as well as counterinsurgency, close air support, tactical mobility, interdiction, rescue and recovery, intelligence, medical, maintenance, aerial port and air superiority until U.S. involvement ended in 1973.

For the most part, the nation was at peace for the next few years with the Air Force Reserve periodically engaged in emergency-response missions. This included the rescue and return of American students from Grenada in 1983, aerial refuelings of F-111 bombers during the El Dorado Canyon raid on Libyan-sponsored terrorists in 1986, and Operation Just Cause which ousted Panama's General Noriega in 1989-1990.

Also, Air Force Reservists supported humanitarian and disaster relief efforts, including resupply and evacuation missions in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo.

More than twenty years of continual combat operations began with Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in response to Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

In the aftermath of coalition victory, Air Force reservists continued to serve and were heavily involved in enforcing the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq as well as in humanitarian relief missions to assist the uprooted Iraqi Kurds.

In 1993, Air Force Reserve tanker, mobility and fighter units began operations in Bosnia and in 1999 were also supporting Operation Allied Force over Serbia and Kosovo.

When terrorists attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, Air Force reservists responded in full measure. Air Force Reserve F-16 fighter aircraft flew combat air patrols to protect American cities while KC-135 tankers and AWACS aircraft supported security efforts.

In October 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom began as U.S. military forces entered Afghanistan to combat the Taliban and terrorist sanctuaries. In March 2003, Operation Iraqi Freedom began in order to end Saddam Hussein's regime. Air Force Reserve units and reservists played key roles in all combat operations as Air Force Reserve MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft became the first fixed-wing aircraft to penetrate Afghan airspace while Air Force Reserve F-16 crews performed the first combat missions.

In recent years, Citizen Airmen have supported every Air Force core function and every Combatant Commander around the world. Air Force reservists were engaged in surge operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. They supported combat and humanitarian missions in Haiti, Libya, Japan, Mali and the Horn of Africa. Also, they've provided national disaster relief at home in the U.S. after Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the gulf oil spill and the wildfires in the western states.

Throughout their history, Citizen Airmen have volunteered continually, allaying concerns that reservists would not be available when really needed.

Since its inception in 1948, the Air Force Reserve has evolved from a unit-mobilization-only force into an operational reserve that participates daily in missions around the globe. Today, Air Force reservists safeguard nuclear

weapons and guide Global Positioning Satellites. From bases in the United States, reservists fly remotely piloted aircraft in combat half a world away. They track hurricanes out at sea and bring medical supplies and food into disaster areas to save lives around the world.

Spanning six and a half decades—with the last two decades of continuous combat—the Air Force Reserve has fulfilled the legacy of early air pioneers and exceeded the potential seen by the visionaries who created it in 1948.

Congratulations to all Citizen Airmen, past and present, on the 65th Anniversary of the Air Force Reserve on April 14, 2013.

#### HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MICHAEL PRITCHARD

#### HONORABLE ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge and honor Michael Pritchard upon his retirement from Pathway Society, Inc.

Michael has been the Executive Director at Pathway Society, Inc. since 1991. Pathway is the oldest and largest community-based nonprofit organization in Santa Clara County providing low-income residents with substance abuse treatment, intervention, education, and prevention. In 1970, Michael graduated from Western Michigan University, where he majored in Psychology. In 1976, he received his Masters Degree in Psychology at California State University at Los Angeles.

Michael's leadership expanded Pathway's programs, budget, and staffing. During Michael's nineteen years as the Executive Director, Pathway helped 60,000 people lead healthy lives. 25,000 youth stopped using drugs and escaped gangs during his tenure. When Michael joined Pathway in 1991, the organization served around 550 people annually. Today, Pathway serves around 3,500 people annually.

While at Pathway, Michael helped implement one of the first substance-abuse day treatment programs in the country specifically focused on helping gang-involved Latinos get off drugs and out of gangs. He is a founding member of San Jose Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Policy Team, which supports these efforts.

Michael served as board member and officer of Treatment Communities of America, a national consortium of over 600 programs providing an array of integrated services in substance abuse treatment and behavioral health. He is a past officer of California Therapeutic Communities, a statewide organization of addiction treatment providers. He served as president of the Alcohol and Drug Contractors Association, a countywide network of community-based organizations providing substance use prevention, treatment, recovery, and supportive transitional housing to adolescents and adults in Santa Clara County.

Michael is retiring after 22 years of devoted leadership of Pathway Society. I commend his decades of contribution and service to the betterment of our society. The community is very fortunate to have benefited from his dedication, commitment, and advocacy. I wish Michael the best of luck in his future endeavors.

#### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS DOUBLE DIP ELIMINATION ACT OF 2013

#### HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for more than 50 years the Social Security Disability Insurance program has provided a vital safety net for workers who have worked long enough and recently enough and who meet the definition of disability.

Unemployment benefits, through the Federal-State Unemployment Insurance program and Trade Adjustment Assistance, are available for those workers who have lost a job and are looking for a new one. These workers know they can work and these important benefits are there to help them through a tough time.

Now here's the rub. Even though disability benefits are for those who can't work and unemployment benefits are for those who can work if they could find a job, under current law someone can receive both benefits at the same time. That just doesn't make sense.

A July 2012 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report, *Overlapping Disability and Unemployment Benefits Should be Evaluated for Potential Savings*, highlighted this double dip situation. In fiscal year 2010, at least 117,000 individuals received both disability insurance and unemployment insurance, representing less than 1 percent of total beneficiaries of both programs. The overlapping cash benefits paid to these individuals totaled over \$281 million from disability insurance and more than \$575 million from the unemployment insurance program in that year. By paying cash benefits through both programs, these workers are being paid twice.

That's why I am introducing the Social Security Disability Insurance and Unemployment Benefits Double Dip Elimination Act of 2013, which ends this double dipping and preserves Social Security benefits for only those who truly cannot work. Starting next year, those applying for disability benefits won't be eligible to receive these benefits in any month they are also receiving unemployment benefits. And for those workers who are already on the rolls, receiving unemployment benefits will count towards the maximum number of months they may try work without impacting their benefits.

President Obama agrees and in his budget, he included his own proposal to stop the double dipping. When we agree, we should act.

I urge my colleagues to sponsor this common sense legislation.

#### EDITORIAL BY FORMER CONGRESSMAN BARNEY FRANK IN THE PORTLAND PRESS HERALD ON MARCH 24, 2013

#### HON. DAVID N. CICILLINE

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 11, 2013*

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following editorial by Former Congressman Barney Frank.

RULING FOR SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WOULD BE  
RIGHT, NOT "ACTIVISM"

(By The Honorable Barney Frank)

People who are caught making assertions that blatantly contradict positions they have previously taken often respond that "Consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds," trying to trade an old quote for a little intellectual honesty.

But inconsistency is nothing to be proud of. It is an unmistakable sign that a person has lost confidence in an argument but believes it can be won by invoking some general principle, even if it's one the person has previously repudiated.

Then the hobgoblin involved is the person's effort to hide his or her real motive.

We will—I hope—soon see an example of rhetorical hobgoblin if the Supreme Court issues an opinion holding that the law that currently treats my marriage to my husband Jim as a threat to society is a clear denial to us of the equal protection of the law.

If a majority holds that the stupidly named Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional, right-wing advocates of the view that same-sex married couples should pay the same taxes as our straight fellow citizens but not receive any of the same benefits will respond not so much by defending this blatant discrimination as by piously denouncing "judicial activism."

They will have no other option. Persisting in the claim that happily married men in an opposite-sex marriage will, on seeing Jim and me together, be sorely tempted to abandon their wives clearly no longer has the persuasive power it once had.

When DOMA was enacted in 1996, it was apparently plausible to most Americans that those of us in same-sex marriages would have the same effect on some men as a popular juice commercial claims for its product. Instead of slapping their foreheads and regretting that they hadn't had a V-8, the fear was that they would see Jim and me and proclaim, "I could have married a guy."

To their credit, the right-wingers understand that since there has been no such result in the nine years since same-sex mar-

riage was first legalized in Massachusetts, nor in any of the other eight jurisdictions that have followed, claiming that they are defending their marriages by defunding mine is a losing proposition—intellectually, factually, and increasingly electorally.

So they will instead invoke the principle that unelected judges should not annul laws adopted by the elected President and Congress, piously insisting that it is the right of the people in our system to make the laws.

But they will only be pretending to believe in that principle. In fact, since 2010, conservatives—including virtually all of those who will denounce the judicial activism of the anti-DOMA decision—have been working hard to get these very same judges to annul most of the laws enacted by the elected president and Congress in 2009 and 2010.

Conservatives not only sought to have the health care bill canceled by judges, they have denounced Chief Justice Roberts for voting not to overturn the elected officials' decision. The financial reform bill has been the subject of multiple conservative-backed lawsuits seeking to cancel regulation of speculation in oil, to block consumer protection, and to return derivative trading to its unregulated status.

Most glaringly, the right-wing politicians are hoping the Supreme Court will throw out one of the greatest legislative achievements of the past fifty years—the Voting Rights Act (This law was passed in 1965 and has since been reenacted several times, under the signature of Ronald Reagan among others.)

Exposing the inconsistency—i.e., hypocrisy—of conservatives who will weep for democracy if discrimination based on sexual orientation is struck down while they are utilizing that very process to rescind financial regulation, un-defend consumers, reduce health care programs, and take away voting protections understandably makes them uncomfortable. And labeling those of us who do it as hobgoblins does not solve their rhetorical problem.

Lacking any basis for the proposition that same-sex marriages cause any harm to those who have opted not to enter into one, the

pro-DOMA faction needs an inconsistent denunciation of judicial activism to avoid acknowledging that their real motive is some combination of dislike, disapproval or disgust at the notion that gay people should be allowed by society to live legally free from prejudice.

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FAIR MANAGER TOM VALLIERE

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Tom Valliere for his years of service as Midland County Fair Manager.

Tom Valliere concluded his 32-year career at the fair this spring. Through his vast wealth of experience and dedication, he has brought an astounding 300,000–350,000 people to the Midland community each year for the fair and other events.

Tom was first hired by the Midland County Fair Board as manager in 1980. Since then the fair has seen major changes under his direction. Some of Tom's most valuable contributions to the fair have been his work on modernizing its infrastructure. The fairground now has one of the most revered horse arenas in the area, as well as all-weather facilities for merchants. The fair has also hosted concerts featuring some of the biggest names in music.

Although Tom's tenure at the Midland County Fair has come to an end, his place in the community will forever be remembered. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I congratulate Tom Valliere for his 32-year career as the Midland County Fair Manager. I wish him well in his much-deserved retirement.